

SUICIDE IN THE TOMBS.

Murderer Charles Miller Slashes His Throat with a Razor. DIED THREE HOURS LATER.

Suspicion that Two Women Visitors Provided Him with His Weapon.

RIGID INQUIRY TO BE MADE.

The Suicide Killed Aged August Loeffler in Heide's Candy Factory Last April.

Charles Miller, twenty-six years old, awaiting trial for the murder of August Loeffler at Heide's candy store in Frankfort street, April 18 last, cut his throat with a razor in his cell in the Tombs Prison this morning, and died a few hours later at Bellevue Hospital.



CHARLES MILLER. (The suicide.)

At 7 o'clock this morning, as on every day of the year, the cells were thrown open and the prisoners allowed to go out into the corridors for an hour's exercise. Miller's cell, which he shared with George Dougherty, also held for homicide, was No. 67 on the second tier of the northeast section of the old prison.

Keeper Henry Lane had charge of that part of the prison, and promptly on the hour walked down the tier, opening the cell doors.

Dougherty came out immediately, and although Miller remained within the keeper put off inquiry until he returned. Five minutes later he turned back, searching the cells in the reverse order to which they had been opened. Cell 67 was the third.

In the few minutes that had elapsed Miller had drawn the door close and had pinned a newspaper over the grating. Lane pushed the paper aside and peered in.

Miller lay upon his left side upon his cot which was on the left side of the cell, with his head towards the door and his face close against the wall. There was a big, fresh blood spot on the wall in front of him.

Lane jerked the door open and sprang inside. On the instant Miller raised himself on his elbow, and before the keeper could enter him drew a razor across his throat, which was already gashed with a rasping wound.



AUGUST LOEFFLER THE MURDERED MAN.

As Lane tore the razor from his hand Miller fell back with a convulsive movement of his entire frame and became unconscious.

The wound cut literally from ear to ear. The windpipe and most of the important blood vessels of the neck were severed. A torrent of blood rushed out, which Lane tried to staunch with the bed-clothing, while he called at the top of his voice for his fellow-keeper, Dougherty.

The latter ran up and, seeing the state of affairs, rushed downstairs, notified Deputy Warden John T. McMahon and sent in an ambulance call.

An ambulance promptly answered from Bellevue Hospital, and, after the application of temporary bandages, Miller was driven to the hospital at full speed. There the arteries were ligated and the wound sewed up, but the man had done his self-destructive work effectively, and died at 10:30 o'clock.

While in the surgeon's hands at the prison, Miller, partly revived, and evidently struggled to speak, but as he had severed the windpipe below the vocal chords, he could not do so.

Deputy Warden McMahon and the corps of keepers were very much agitated over the event. Warden Fallon went off on a little vacation, and Miller was driven to the hospital in a visit made by two women to Miller last Monday.

They registered at the prison as Anne Grimm and May Hoffman, both of 124

East Thirteenth street. That was where Miller lived at the time of his crime.

Both these women were subjected to search by one of the matrons, but even the prison authorities admit that this search is not thoroughly effective in preventing the smuggling of small objects to prisoners by those who are determined to do so.

Mrs. Annie Grimm was seen at her home by an "Evening World" reporter shortly before Monday. She was just trying up a small parcel of food which she said was intended for Miller.

When told of Miller's death the woman dropped the parcel upon the floor and stood speechless with horror for a few moments.

"That is impossible," she finally gasped. "Why, he was not sick when I saw him last Monday."

When told that he had committed suicide by using a razor, Mrs. Grimm's hands and between whose said German to another young woman who was in the room.

The young woman whom she addressed said that she was the wife of a certain Miller and lived in West Hoboken. She refused, however, to give her name. She had only shortly before arrived and was going to accompany Mrs. Grimm to the Tombs.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman, who had visited Miller at his home in West Hoboken last Monday, is the landlady of 124 East Thirteenth street, and was accused of giving the razor to Miller. She was in calling on the prisoner.

Miller had lived with the Grimms for the last three years.

"But I knew him since he was a boy," moaned Mrs. Grimm, "and would have trusted him with my life. He was not only good and honest, but he was as gentle and kind-hearted as I could wish for."

She added that she had never thought of committing a crime.

Mrs. Grimm said that she had seen the razor in the hands of another woman named Hoffman, who she said was a friend of her husband's.

Mrs. Hoffman, who was in the cell with Miller, instantly and closely questioned. He declared positively that he had never seen the razor, and did not know that the man had one.

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MR. HOWE TELLS HOW IT WAS.

This Hot Spell Caused by a Storm That Has Blown Away.

It May Rain To-Day and Will Be Cooler To-Night and To-Morrow.

Acting Weather Prophet H. C. Howe, who is handling temperature and tending with humidities and other meteorological specialties up in the United States Weather Bureau during Mr. Dunn's absence in Washington, deserves well of his countrymen.

He promises that it will be cooler to-night and to-morrow, while to-day is to be generally fair, with nice little sprinkles of rain to cool off the atmosphere. Possibly a few thunder-showers may come round to-night also.

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Blake Jumped from an Ambulance and Is at Large.

The police are looking for John J. Blake, under the general description of an escaped lunatic.

Blake, who is thirty-two years old, and who lives at 22 Pike street, presented himself at the Madison street police station yesterday, and requested that he be sent to a hospital, as he felt that he was irresponsible. He seemed to be on the verge of delirium tremens and he was accordingly escorted to Gouverneur Hospital by a policeman.

Blake was quiet enough on this trip, but as soon as the policeman left him he began to make things lively for the attendants and physicians at the hospital. He was finally calmed, and as the hospital authorities were afraid of another outbreak they decided to transfer him to Bellevue Hospital, where there are better facilities for controlling violent patients.

Blake seemed so rational when the ambulance started with him that he was not bolted in any way. As the ambulance was passing First avenue and Twenty-second street, he suddenly sprang to the top of the ambulance, and the surgeon of his seat at the rear, leaped into the street and disappeared.

The surgeon does not think, however, that he got into the water, for he was seen to walk away from the ambulance. He has not returned to his home this morning, and it is not altogether impossible that his course led him as far as the river.

WAS HE DRUGGED?

Lieber's Mind a Blank After Drinking with a Stranger.

Leon Lieber, eighteen years old, was arrested early this morning by Police-
man Grimshaw, of the Madison street station, for being drunk. He was found sitting on a stoop at 31 Market street.

Lieber was unable to walk and the officer carried him to the station house in his arms. He appeared to be in a dazed condition. When arraigned before Justice Simms in the Essex Market Police Court to-day, he claimed that he had been drugged and that he did not know that the man had one.

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ALL STRUCK FOR MARY.

Fort Lowry Hotel Guests Had to Hustle for Food.

Ninty-seven Girls Stopped Work at Dinner Time.

Mary Had Dropped a Tray and Was Discharged.

All but four of the 100 girls employed at the Fort Lowry Hotel, Bath Beach, to wait table upon the 60 guests of the house went out on strike last evening.

They struck just before dinner, and the proprietors and guests found themselves confronted with a pretty how'd'ye do.

Of the four girls that remained three refused to go out, and one, Mary Burns, her mishap and her tantrum, by Mrs. Kerrigan, her authority and her temper, that this entire narrative depends.

At 6:15 o'clock last evening, just fifteen minutes before the regular hour for opening the dining-room, and while a crowd of hungry boarders were already besieging the door, Mary Burns dropped a tray of dishes right squarely in the middle of the dining-room floor.

Mary glanced at the wreck of china and threw up her hands, in which position of disadvantage she held them until Mrs. Kerrigan, the head waitress, snatched upon her.

Mrs. Kerrigan may have a sweet and caressing nature in private life, but she has methods of discharging her official functions that have made her exceedingly unpopular with the small regiment of girls under her command.

She grabbed at Mary and ordered her to get out of the dining-room forever. Mary defied her; then she shook Mary, she hit her, she threatened her, she had hysterics, and she danced and screamed. She rushed to the wall, where she was standing, and she ranged on long shelves. She beat and kicked these shelves, and she danced with an angry racket, and several fell to the floor.

Mary was immediately surrounded by a crowd of sympathizing girls. Every one of them in that dining-room group had their own part to play. They were attracted by the row guests and employees of the hotel forced their way into the dining-room.

There is no organization—protective, beneficiary or otherwise—among the girls, but they meet every morning on ground of fervent hostility to Mrs. Kerrigan, and with one voice they commiserate with her victims.

Mrs. Kerrigan in the firmness of her character and with an eye conservative to discipline, flatly refused to do.

Meanwhile, word had been speeded to the girls in the kitchen, and the girls there looked on.

As soon as they heard the cause of the trouble they joined their voices with the others.

Mrs. Kerrigan remained obstinate, and she refused to yield. She ordered the girls to get out of the dining-room, and she threatened with a surprising evenness.

The Fort Lowry system is for the waitress to ripple off by word of mouth the bill of fare, there were confusion, and the girls were in a state of commotion, with fun and humor on the part of the boys.

Some of the smart young men tried to submit the evening's menu to the choice of the diners, but they found that the girls were in a state of commotion for such speedy exercise.

They either lapsed into such foolishness for dinner, or they showed their anger by settling the whole business by announcing that they would not work for her.

The latter was the prevalent policy, and the girls in the kitchen, who were told that if he would discharge Mrs. Kerrigan, they would return.

This morning, however, bright and clear, the girls came to the dining-room and told him that if he would discharge Mrs. Kerrigan, they would return.

Among the guests known to have been present were Mrs. Alice Lillian Becht for \$125 a month alimony and \$500 cash fee, pending the decision of her suit for separation from Charles J. Becht.

The defendant is in the employ of the Pease Piano Company and is said to receive a salary of \$3000 a year.

Mrs. Becht, March 19, 1920, Becht was at that time manager in Detroit for the Smith & Barnes Piano Company of Chicago, and the plaintiff was employed by him as a stenographer and typewriter.

Mrs. Becht claims that her husband was cruel and abandoned.

Mr. Becht denies his wife's charges and claims that she deserted him. He also charges that he has letters from his wife in which she asks him to get a divorce from her.

Judge Johnson postponed the case until to-morrow to allow the drawing of additional affidavits.

ACCUSED OF BURGLARY.

A Woman Says Williams Broke Into Her Apartments.

Josephine La Grande, of 37 West Thirty-ninth street, was the complainant against Joseph Williams, charged with burglary, in Jefferson Market Court this morning. She stated that Williams entered her flat last night and stole from her.

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